REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the performance of a thorough search.

Claims 1-6, 8-12, 14-20, and 23 have been amended. No claims have been canceled or added. Hence, Claims 1-46 are pending in the application.

Each issue raised in the Office Action mailed December 28, 2006 is addressed hereinafter.

I.   SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW

The Examiner is thanked for granting the courtesy of a telephone interview on March 14, 2007. Examiner Tsui and Applicants' representatives Brian D. Hickman and Stoycho D. Draganoff attended the interview. Claim 1 was discussed. The reference discussed was Abrams et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,675,350 ("ABRAMS"). An agreement regarding patentability was not reached.

The Applicants pointed out the differences between the portlet featured in Claim 1 and panes 240, 250, and 260 that are described in col. 4, lines 13-30 of ABRAMS. Specifically, the Applicants pointed out that the portlet featured in Claim 1 is operable to generate a component that is included in a page, while in ABRAMS panes 240, 250, and 260 described appear to be panes in a browser window that do not generate any page components.

II.   ISSUES RELATED TO THE CITED ART

A.   INDEPENDENT CLAIM 1

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly anticipated by ABRAMS. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 comprises the features of:

...;
inspecting **a mapping** to determine that the page parameter is mapped to a portlet parameter of a **portlet that generates a component of the page** that is based, at least in part, on the portlet parameter;

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...;

> **the portlet generating the component** based upon the value associated with the portlet
> parameter; and
> inserting the component that was generated by the portlet into the page.

Claim 1 features a mapping that maps a parameter associated with a page to a portlet parameter,

and a portlet operable to generate a component that is included in a page. Claim 1 also

comprises the features of inspecting the mapping to determine that the page parameter is mapped

to a portlet parameter of the portlet, and the portlet generating the component based on the value

associated with the portlet parameter.

It is respectfully submitted that ABRAMS does not describe or suggest the above features

of Claim 1. For example, ABRAMS does not describe or suggest a mapping that maps page

parameters to portlet parameters. To the extent that ABRAMS describes any parameters, these

parameters are user-specified parser parameters that are used by an HTML parser to retrieve

summary data from one or more web pages. (See ABRAMS, col. 3, lines 55-57.) Thus, the

parser parameters in ABRAMS correspond to neither the page parameters nor the portlet

parameters featured in Claim 1.

The Office Action also asserts that the feature of Claim 1 of inspecting the mapping to

determine that the page parameter is mapped to a portlet parameter is described in col. 4, lines

13-30 of ABRAMS. This assertion is incorrect. In col. 4, lines 13-30, with respect to Fig. 2A,

ABRAMS describes panes 240, 250, and 260 of browser window 210. (See also col. 4, lines 4-

5.) Pane 240 displays a web page as it would be viewed in a browser; pane 250 displays the

HTML source of the same web page; and pane 260 displays the headlines retrieved by the

HTML parser from that web page. There is nothing in this passage of ABRAMS that describes a

mapping that maps page parameters to portlet parameters, or that a mapping is inspected to

determine that a particular page parameter is mapped to a particular portlet parameter of a

portlet, as featured in Claim 1.

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The Office Action also asserts that panes 240, 250, and 260 as described in col. 4, lines 13-30 of ABRAMS correspond to the portlet featured in Claim 1. This assertion is incorrect. In ABRAMS, panes 240, 250, and 260 are panes in a browser window that are not capable of generating components that can be inserted into a page. In contrast, Claim 1 includes the feature of the portlet generating a page component based on the value of the portlet parameter that is passed to the portlet.

For the reasons given above, ABRAMS does not teach or suggest all features of Claim 1. Thus, the Claim 1 is patentable under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over ABRAMS. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of Claim 1 is respectfully requested.

B.   INDEPENDENT CLAIM 18

Claim 18 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly anticipated by ABRAMS. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 18 comprises the features of:

...;
inspecting a first mapping that maps events to actions and event output parameters to
        page parameters;
determining, based on the first mapping and the passed data, an action to perform in
        response to the particular event;
inspecting the first mapping to determine that an event output parameter associated with
        the particular event is mapped to a page parameter;
.... .

Claim 18 features a first mapping that maps event output parameters to page parameters. Claim 18 also comprises the feature of inspecting the first mapping to determine that an event output parameters associated with a particular event is mapped to a page parameter.

As described above with respect to Claim 1, ABRAMS does not describe or suggest page parameters or a mapping that involves such page parameters. Further, ABRAMS does not teach, describe or suggest inspecting a mapping that involves page parameters and event output parameters.

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For the reasons given above, ABRAMS does not teach or suggest all features of Claim 18. Thus, the Claim 18 is patentable under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over ABRAMS. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of Claim 10 is respectfully requested

C.   DEPENDENT CLAIMS 2-17 AND 19-46

Claims 2-3, 5, 7-8, 13-14, 16-17, 19-26, 28, 30-31, 36-37, and 39-46 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly anticipated by ABRAMS. Claims 4, 6, 27, and 29 were rejected as allegedly unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over ABRAMS in view of Hind et al., U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2004/0205555 ("HIND"). Claims 9-12 and 32-35 were rejected as allegedly unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over ABRAMS in view of HIND and further in view of Burnard et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,613,122 ("BURNARD"). Claims 15 and 38 were rejected as allegedly unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over ABRAMS in view of Katariya et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,564,251 ("KATARIYA").

Each of Claims 2-3, 5, 7-8, 13-14, 16-17, 19-26, 28, 30-31, 36-37, and 39-46 depends directly or indirectly from one of independent Claims 1 and 18, and thus includes each and every feature of the independent base claim. Furthermore, in rejecting Claims 4, 6, 9-12, 15, 27, 29, 32-35, and 38 the Office Action relies explicitly on ABRAMS, and not on HIND, BURNARD or KATARIYA, to show the features discussed above with respect to Claims 1 and 18. Because ABRAMS does not teach the subject matter of Claims 1 and 18, any combination of ABRAMS with the other three references necessarily fails to teach the complete combination recited in any dependent claim of Claims 1 or 18. Thus, each of Claims 2-3, 5, 7-8, 13-14, 16-17, 19-26, 28, 30-31, 36-37, and 39-46 is allowable for the reasons given above for Claims 1 and 18.

In addition, each of Claims 2-3, 5, 7-8, 13-14, 16-17, 19-26, 28, 30-31, 36-37, and 39-46 introduces one or more additional features that independently render it patentable. However, due to the fundamental differences already identified, to expedite the positive resolution of this case a

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separate discussion of those features is not included at this time. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 2-3, 5, 7-8, 13-14, 16-17, 19-26, 28, 30-31, 36-37, and 39-46 are allowable for the reasons given above with respect to Claims 1 and 18. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of Claims 2-3, 5, 7-8, 13-14, 16-17, 19-26, 28, 30-31, 36-37, and 39-46 is respectfully requested.

III.   CONCLUSION

The Applicants believe that all issues raised in the Office Action have been addressed. Further, for the reasons set forth above, the Applicants respectfully submit that allowance of the pending claims is appropriate. Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested in light of the amendments and remarks herein.
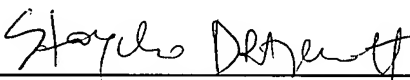
The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is believed that such contact would further the examination of the present application.

A petition for extension of time, to the extent necessary to make this reply timely filed, is hereby made. If applicable, a law firms check for the petition for extension of time fee is enclosed herewith. If any applicable fee is missing or insufficient, throughout the pendency of this application, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any applicable fees and to credit any overpayments to our Deposit Account No. 50-1302.

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